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December 19, 2014

Altered Ego Boutique
c/o Christina DeAntonis
1225B University Avenue
Morgantown, WV 26505

**RE: V14-56 / Altered Ego Boutique / 1225B University Avenue
Tax Map 26A, Parcel 21**

Dear Ms. DeAntonis,

This letter is to notify you of the decision made by the Board of Zoning Appeals concerning the above referenced variance petition for variance relief from Article 1369 as it relates to signage at 1225B University Avenue.

The decision is as follows:

Board of Zoning Appeals, December 17, 2014:

1. Each of the Findings of Fact was found in the positive as stated in Addendum A of this letter.
2. The Board granted a 12 square foot variance to erect a 24 square foot wall sign that includes plastic sequins without conditions.

This decision may be appealed to the Circuit Court of Monongalia County within thirty (30) days. Any work done relating to decisions rendered by the Board of Zoning Appeals during this thirty-day period is at the sole financial risk of the petitioner.

The above referenced approval is set to expire in twelve (12) months unless you can demonstrate that it has been activated as evidenced by permits, construction, or required licenses. This expiration deadline may be extended to eighteen (18) months upon prior written request of the Board. Please note that sign and building permits must be obtained prior to the commencement of work for which variance relief was granted herein.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact the undersigned. We look forward to serving your plans review and permitting needs.

Respectfully,

Stacy Hollar
Executive Secretary

ADDENDUM A – Approved Findings of Fact
V14-56 / Altered Ego Boutique / 1225B University Avenue

Board of Zoning Appeals approved Findings of Fact.

Finding of Fact No. 1 – The variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare, or the rights of adjacent property owners or residents, because:

The sign is aesthetically pleasing and will help the public to better locate my (hidden from the main roads) location.

Finding of Fact No. 2 – The variance arises from special conditions or attributes which pertain to the property for which a variance is sought and which were not created by the person seeking the variance, because:

My new location will be difficult for people to find.

Finding of Fact No. 3 – The variance will eliminate an unnecessary hardship and permit a reasonable use of the land, because:

The location of the petitioner's storefront is not visible from University Avenue and the proposed sign will only be visible to East bound vehicles traveling across the Westover Bridge.

Finding of Fact No. 4 – The variance will allow the intent of the zoning ordinance to be observed and substantial justice done, because:

I need a large sign in order for the public to find me at my somewhat hidden location.